



**CITY OF MERRILL**  
**COMMON COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES • TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2017**

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**Regular Meeting** **City Hall Council Chambers** **7:00 PM**

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Bialecki called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Paul Russell	Aldersperson - First District	Present	
Pete Lokemoen	Aldersperson - Second District	Present	
Ryan Schwartzman	Aldersperson - Third District	Present	
Kandy Peterson	Aldersperson - Fourth District	Present	
John Burgener	Aldersperson - Fifth District & President	Present	
Mary Ball	Aldersperson - Sixth District	Present	
Rob Norton	Aldersperson - Seventh District	Present	
Tim Meehean	Aldersperson - Eighth District	Present	
Bill Bialecki	Mayor	Present	

Also in attendance: Police Chief Corey Bennett, Street Superintendent Dustin Bonack, City Attorney Tom Hayden, City Administrator Dave Johnson, Fire Chief Dave Savone, Utility Operations Manager Gabe Steinagel, Library Director Stacy Stevens, Finance Director Kathy Unertl and City Clerk Bill Heideman.

- 2. Invocation by Pastor William Hohman, New Testament Church
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Roll Call
- 5. Public Comment Period

Bill Dinges made comments regarding the three mobile food vendor ordinances. He understands that mobile food vendors need to be regulated, but, in his opinion, overregulation could inhibit business. He would prefer that Merrill be "open for business" rather than "closed for business".

6. Minutes of previous Common Council meeting(s);

- 1. Minutes of March 14, 2017 meeting

Motion (Burgener/Ball) to approve.

<b>RESULT:            APPROVED</b>
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7. Revenue & Expense Reports(s):

- 1. Revenue & Expense Report for the period ending March 31, 2017

Motion (Burgener/Meehean) to place on file.

**RESULT: PLACED ON FILE**

8. Board of Public Works:

1. Consider bid of \$673,335.63 from American Asphalt on the Center Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mayor Bialecki is bringing this bid directly to the Common Council. City Engineer/Public Works Director Akey recommends approval.

Motion (Schwartzman/Peterson) to approve the bid.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2. Consider bids for 2017 Recycle Crushing. Mayor Bialecki is bringing these bids directly to the Common Council. City Engineer/Public Works Director Akey recommends approving the bid of \$25,025 from Mitch King and Sons Gravel.

Motion (Schwartzman/Russell) to approve the bid of \$25,025 from Mich King and Sons Gravel.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

9. Health and Safety Committee:

1. Application from the Lincoln County Rodeo Association Inc. for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages at the Merrill Festival Grounds during the Wisconsin Pro Rodeo, June 9 - June 11, 2017. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to approve.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

2. Application from the Merrill Firefighters Charities for three temporary Class "B" (picnic) licenses to sell fermented malt beverages at Ott's Park in conjunction with the Merrill Firefighters Charities Softball Tournament, August 4 - August 6, 2017. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Peterson/Norton) to approve.

**RESULT: APPROVED**

10. Personnel and Finance Committee:

1. Request from T.B. Scott Library for budget amendment to fund lighting panel project. The Personnel and Finance Committee recommends approval.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Tim Meehean, Alderperson - Eighth District
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Rob Norton, Alderperson - Seventh District
<b>AYES:</b>	Russell, Lokemoen, Schwartzman, Peterson, Burgener, Ball, Norton, Meehean

11. Placing Committee Reports on File:

1. Consider placing the following committee reports on file: Airport Commission, Board of Public Works, Health and Safety Committee, Library Board, Merrill Enrichment Center Committee, Parks and Recreation Commission, Personnel and Finance Committee, Water and Sewage Disposal Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion (Meehean/Norton) to place on file.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>PLACED ON FILE</b>
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12. Mayor's Appointments:

Ralph Sturm to the City Plan Commission, term to expire May 1, 2020

Melissa Schroeder to the City Plan Commission, term to expire May 1, 2020

Ben Debroux to the Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire May 1, 2022

Dave Sukow to Parks and Recreation Commission, term to expire May 1, 2022

Don Heyel to the Police and Fire Commission, term to expire May 1, 2022

Audrey Huftel to the Library Board, term to expire June 30, 2018

D'Lacy Haight to the Library Board, term to expire June 30, 2020

James Wedemeyer to the Library Board, term to expire June 30, 2020

James Koebe to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire May 1, 2020

Dean Haas to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire May 1, 2020

Steve Willis to the Transit Commission, term to expire May 1, 2020

Pete Koblitz to the Community Development Committee, term to expire May 1, 2020

Nancy Kwiesielewixz to the Community Development Committee, term to expire May 1, 2020

Betsy Wiesnewski to the Community Development Committee, term to expire May 1, 2020

Bea Lebal to the Historic Preservation Committee, term to expire May 1, 2020

Laureen O'Day to the Tourism Commission, term to expire May 1, 2018

Jim Arndt to the Tourism Commission, term to expire May 1, 2018

Ernie Stender to the Tourism Commission, term to expire May 1, 2018

Sister Peggy Jackelen to the Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2018

Rose Akey to Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2018

Rev. Kyle Carnes to the Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2018

Diane Goetsch to Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2018

Gene Bebel to the Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2018

Art Lersch to the Enrichment Center Committee, term to expire May 1, 2018

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to approve all the appointments.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
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13. Ordinances:

1. An Ordinance amending Chapter 8, Article XII, Section 8-330 to add Mobile Food Vendors. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

Motion (Russell/Schwartzman) to table all three ordiannces on the agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
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2. Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Section 1 to add licensing fees for Mobile Food Vendors. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

See previous motion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
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3. Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, Article 1, Section 28-1(c) (25), related to Mobile Food Vendor operations in City parks. The Health and Safety Committee recommends approval.

See previous motion.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>TABLED</b>
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14. Resolutions: (None)

15. Mayor's Communications

Mayor Bialecki noted that City Hall would be closed on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Good Friday.

A special Common Council meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held in the City Hall Common Council Chambers and will begin at 5:30 P.M.

Ruder-Ware is sponsoring a seminar on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Alderpersons and City staff were instructed to contact the City Attorney's office if they are interested in attending.

The spring sports season is underway. Mayor Bialecki urged everyone to support the youth of our community.

Several major street projects are pending.

The Expo Center is scheduled to open June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Construction of the new apartment complex near the MARC is progressing well.

Several park improvement projects are scheduled to begin soon.

The Festival Grounds Committee has been meeting monthly and is making progress.

#### 16. Adjournment

Motion (Burgener/Schwartzman) to adjourn. Carried. Adjourned at 7:17 P.M.